

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraphs beginning at page 1, lines 2 and 3 with the following rewritten paragraphs:

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

This application is a continuation application of and claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/915,997, filed on July 26, 2001, and entitled "Bone Graft Substitute Composition", which is continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/327,761, filed on June 7, 1999, and entitled "Bone Graft Substitute Composition", the contents of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety.--

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-15.

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